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U. S. to Re-examine Disarmament Policies

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Presidential Assistant Harold E. Stassen said yesterday the United States soon will embark on a broad review of its disarmament policies. He said he expects Russia to do likewise.

Without elaborating, he said the ground inspection would cover bases overseas "as well as at home."

Returning by plane from United Nations disarmament talks in London, Stassen said another look at arms control policies is called for in the light of the London sessions.

Stassen, who is President Eisenhower's top adviser on disarmament, said he will report to the President in a few days. He will review the recent negotiations and presumably plans for restudy of American policy.

Stassen was chief United States delegate at the 7-week London meeting of the U. N. Disarmament Subcommittee. Other nations represented were the Soviet Union, Britain, France and Canada.

"I believe there is going to be a restudy in Moscow of their policies," Stassen told a newsman, "and we here will be reviewing ours."

He said a review of the United States position would be undertaken soon by eight special "task groups" set up some time ago. The groups are headed by such men as retired Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, atomic physicist Ernest O. Lawrence and retired Gen. William H. Doolittle.

Stassen, stopping off briefly in New York en route here, said "this next year holds the best chance of an agreement if, in a restudy of the issues, Moscow becomes convinced of the basic logic of President Eisenhower's proposal."

This was a reference to what he termed "the major remaining difficulty"—United States insistence on an adequate inspection system, including the aerial survey proposed by Eisenhower at last year's Geneva summit meeting.

Despite Russian "reluctance" to accept aerial inspection, Stassen said an agreement was "pretty well worked